
Introduced by Senator Corbett

May 23, 2014

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 124—Relative to Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month and The Longest Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 124, as introduced, Corbett. Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month and The Longest Day.

This measure would recognize June 2014 as Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month and urge all residents to wear purple to help spread global awareness of the Alzheimer’s Association’s vision of imagining a world without Alzheimer’s disease. This measure would also recognize June 21, 2014, as The Longest Day in California and urge all residents to show their support on that day by wearing purple and engaging in a day of activities, honoring the strength, passion, and endurance of people facing Alzheimer’s disease.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The month of June 2014 has been declared
2 Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month to help spread global
3 awareness of the Alzheimer’s Association’s vision of imagining
4 a world without Alzheimer’s disease; and
5 WHEREAS, The summer solstice, June 21, 2014, has been
6 declared The Longest Day, with teams around the world coming
7 together to honor the strength, passion, and endurance of people
8 facing Alzheimer’s disease with a day of activity; and
9 WHEREAS, Alzheimer’s disease, a progressive
10 neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of

1 their memories and leads to progressive mental and physical
2 impairments; and

3 WHEREAS, Worldwide, there are at least 44 million people
4 living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, and without
5 a change, these numbers are expected to grow to 76 million by
6 2030; and

7 WHEREAS, An estimated 5 million people 65 years of age and
8 over have Alzheimer's disease and another 200,000 people under
9 65 years of age have younger-onset Alzheimer's disease; and

10 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of
11 death in the United States and the fifth leading cause in California;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The human cost of Alzheimer's disease is
14 staggering. In 2013, more than 15 million caregivers provided over
15 17 billion hours of unpaid care to people with Alzheimer's disease
16 and other dementias; and

17 WHEREAS, The direct costs of caring for people with
18 Alzheimer's disease to American society will total an estimated
19 \$214 billion in 2014; and

20 WHEREAS, Estimates project that the costs of providing formal
21 care to people with Alzheimer's disease in California will reach
22 over \$30 billion a year by 2030; and

23 WHEREAS, There is currently no way to prevent, cure, or even
24 slow down the progression of Alzheimer's disease; and

25 WHEREAS, Researchers in California and around the world
26 continue their efforts to develop scientific breakthroughs that could
27 one day bring about a world without Alzheimer's disease; and

28 WHEREAS, In recognition of the individuals, families, friends,
29 and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's disease, and the
30 researchers who are seeking a cause or cure; and

31 WHEREAS, In recognition of the efforts of the Alzheimer's
32 Association to raise funds and promote awareness to fight
33 Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, thereby improving the
34 quality of human life for people living with Alzheimer's disease
35 and their caregivers; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
37 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes June 2014 as
38 Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and urges all residents
39 to wear purple to help spread global awareness of the Alzheimer's

1 Association's vision of imagining a world without Alzheimer's
2 disease; and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes June 21, 2014, as The
4 Longest Day in California and urges all residents to show their
5 support on that day by wearing purple and engaging in a day of
6 activity, honoring the strength, passion, and endurance of people
7 facing Alzheimer's disease; and be it further

8 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
9 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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